# Respiratory illness report

Waitaha Canterbury, Te Tai o Poutini West Coast and South Canterbury Districts
Week 22, ending Thursday 5 June 2025

## Key points

- Influenza and RSV identifications are low compared to the same time in previous years.
- Total influenza numbers have increased in the last two reporting weeks.
- Overall, influenza A is the most common influenza type in Canterbury so far this year.
- There were 9 cases of confirmed/probable pertussis in Canterbury, and 2 on the West Coast, for the week ending 30 May.

## Waitaha Canterbury District positive laboratory influenza and RSV identifications

Data provided by Canterbury Health Laboratories, Health New Zealand

**Number of influenza identifications, by week**
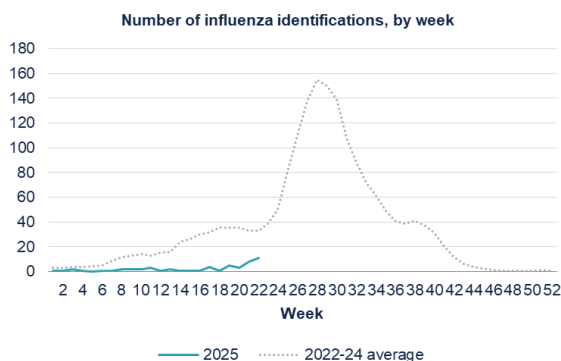


| Influenza type | This week | Last week | 2025 total (%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| A (untyped) | 8 | 3 | 33 (61%) |
| B | 3 | 5 | 21 (39%) |

**Number of Respiratory Syncytial Virus identifications, by week**
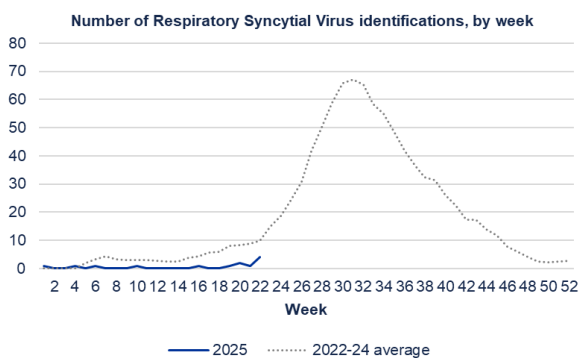


## New self-reported COVID-19 cases

Data extracted from EpiSurv

| Week | Canterbury | South Canterbury | West Coast |
|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | 46 | 4 | 10 |
| 20 | 67 | 9 | 7 |
| 21 | 68 | 21 | 10 |
| 22 | 136 | 15 | 3 |

## Christchurch Hospital ED attendance

Data provided by Business Intelligence, Health New Zealand
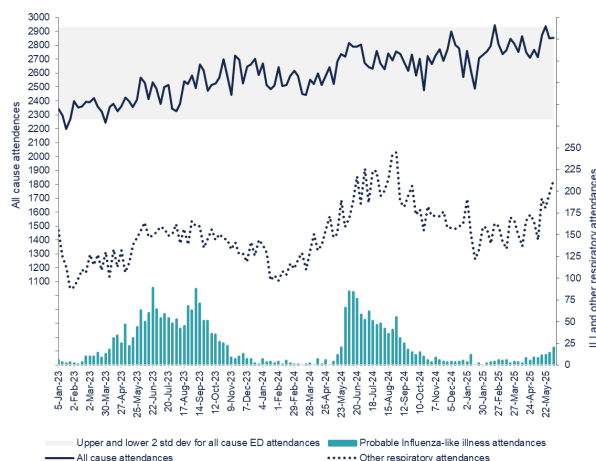


## ESR respiratory illness dashboards

The following data can be viewed on the ESR **respiratory illness** dashboard (www.esr.cri.nz/digital-library/respiratory-illness-dashboard/):

- Community influenza-like illness (ILI) activity—national and local trends
  - HealthLine ILI-related call rates
  - FluTracking participant fever and cough symptoms.
- Viruses detected through sentinel and non-sentinel testing.

The ESR **pertussis** dashboard and intelligence reports are here: www.esr.cri.nz/digital-library/pertussis-dashboard/

## Weekly "likely respiratory infection"-related calls to Whakarongorau Aotearoa

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